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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND FEE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING SENT VIA TELEFACSIMILE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, 571-273-8300, THIS

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005 (federal holiday). Enclosed is form PTO-2038 to authorize a charge for the amount of \$1,240.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time (\$450.00) and the fee for the Request for Continued Examination (\$790.00). If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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